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## **DETAILED ACTION**

- 1. In view of Amendment filed February 15, 2005, claims 2, 26-28 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-25 are pending.
- 2. In view of Amendment filed February 15, 2005, the rejection of claims 1, 12, 13, 19, 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bernier et al. (US 5,834,571) is withdrawn.

## **Allowances**

- 3. Claims 1, 3-25 are allowed.
- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As of the date of this office action, the examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including the closest prior art of Bernier et al. (US 5,834,571) to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

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In light of the above discussion, it is evident as to why the present claims are patentable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William K Cheung whose telephone number is (571) 272-1097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM; 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David WU can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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